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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/071,472	Applicant(s) RIMOLDI ET AL.	
	Examiner Hugh Jones	Art Unit 2128	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/3/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-30 of U. S. Application 10/071,472, filed 02/08/2002, are pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 26 is objected to because of the following informalities: it appears claim 26 should depend from claim 15, and not claim 1. Appropriate correction is required. It is so interpreted for claim rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. **Claims 1-14, 23-25, 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter since the claims as a whole do not provide for a practical application, as evidenced by lack of physical transformation or a useful, tangible, and concrete result:**

- Claims 1-14: the claims as a whole are abstract and do not provide for a specific and substantial result;
- claims 1-14 do not provide for a tangible result
- claims 9, 11, 23-25, 30: the signal bearing medium and/or database is defined to encompass nonstatutory features (carrier waves). See:

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[0026] A machine-readable medium includes any mechanism for storing or transmitting information in a form readable by a machine (e.g., a computer). For example, a machine-readable medium includes read only memory ("ROM"); random access memory ("RAM"); magnetic disk storage media; optical storage media; flash memory devices; electrical, optical, acoustical or other form of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.); etc.

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network interface device 1322. For the purposes of this specification, the term "computer-readable medium" shall be taken to include any medium that is capable of storing or encoding a sequence of instructions for execution by the computer and that cause the computer to perform any one of the methodologies of the present invention. The term "computer-readable medium" shall accordingly be taken to include, but not be limited to, solid-state memories, optical and magnetic disks, and carrier wave signals.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

6. A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. **Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Shih et al. (Applicant's IDS).**

8. Shih et al. disclose parametric modeling including linkages between part volume and functionality. See fig. 1, 4; "Constraint module", "parametric module".

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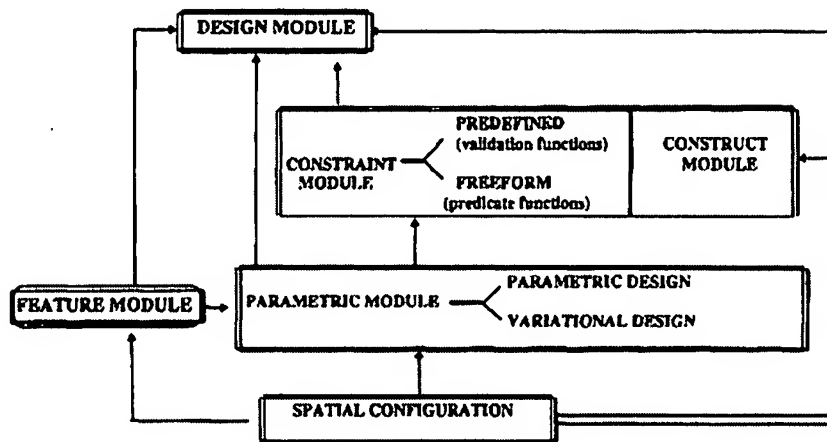


Figure 1: EDM high level architecture

Parametric Module contains entity types that represent the various 'ways' the user inputs the 'parameters' and chooses the operations. Hence, it uses the individual design types and constraints defined in the Design Module (they are like

the token or coins we drop into the machine) and Constraint Module (they are like the different choices) as its basic structure. The Parametric Module and its relations with other modules can be depicted by the following diagram:

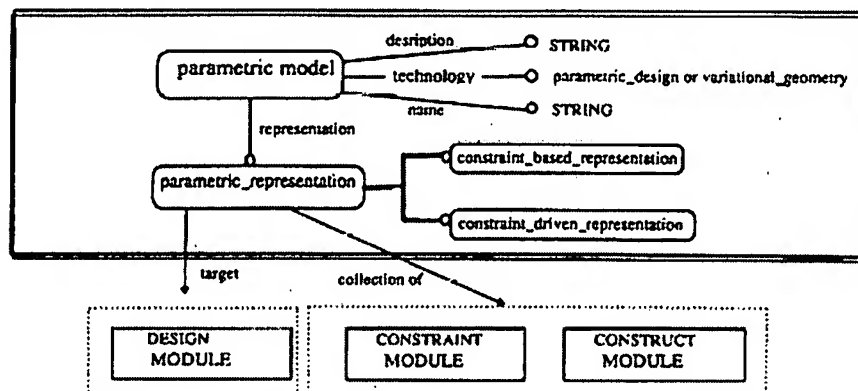


Figure 4: Architecture of Parametric Module

Based on Solver characteristics:

1. **Parametric Design** : Stands for the type of solver which requires an explicit order for the constraints/conditions to compute the solution stepwise. Such technology can be viewed as showing HOW. The process is represented by a list (i.e. ordered) of (design, constrain) pair or a list of construct entity types. Recall that a construct entity type is an entity type with built-in constraints.

design elements and operator is a choice of constraint as defined in the Constraint module or the Construct module.

4. TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION

4.1 Demonstration

A work-in-process demonstration was conducted for the PDES, Inc. Technical Advisory Committee which showed exchange of some parametric constraints (parallel,

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be:

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